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Revise Calendar And Curriculum

This has been a year of great change at Wesleyan, as at all American colleges and universities. Wesleyan's outstanding areas of change have been in calendar and curriculum.

The Curriculum Committee, responding to requests from students, faculty, and the Future of Wesleyan Committee, began a review of the curriculum in the fall of 1970. During January the committee held a series of open hearings in order that every student and faculty member who wished to do so might enter the discussion.

The result of the study and the hearings was a report presented to the faculty on February 17, 1971, which was approved, with minor changes, by the necessary two-thirds majority.

"One of the major provisions of this full-scale report was a complete revision of the General Education requirements for liberal arts students," said Dr. Harry W. Gilmer, chairman of the committee. "Formerly a student was required to spend most of the first two years taking required courses. Under the new system each student is required to take a minimum of ten basic general education courses, at least one basic course in each of the four general divisions of the liberal arts curriculum, and the remaining six to be elected at the discretion of the student with the advice of her adviser.

"Essentially, this means that there is no rigid set of prescriptions. The student is much freer to move in the direction of her interests."

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Dr. Oscar C. Page Becomes New Academic Dean This September

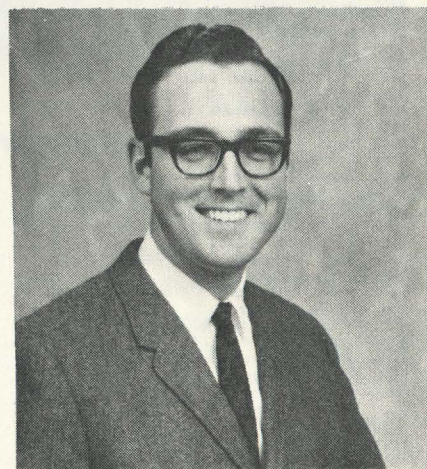
A new Academic Dean has been appointed at Wesleyan by President W. Earl Strickland, to assume his duties September 1. He is Dr. Oscar C. Page, who comes to Wesleyan from the University of Georgia.

A native of Kentucky, Dr. Page, 32, succeeds Dr. Joseph B. James, dean since 1958, and now named Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Political Science. Majoring in education, Dr. Page earned his AB degree from Western Kentucky University, where he later taught, and his MA and PhD degrees in the field of history from the University of Kentucky.

At Georgia, in addition to teaching, he served as a member of the departmental committee, administrative assistant to the head of the history department of 45 members, and director of the Undergraduate Advising Program. His research areas include 18th century French newspapers, and he is presently translating some of the works of l'Abbe de Mably.

Dr. Page comes to the College very well recommended. A former professor wrote: "I consider him to be one of the top three or four graduates of our institution during the last ten years in terms of his qualifications for administrative responsibilities . . . He has the potential to become a truly outstanding college official or administrator . . . one of the best young educators with whom I am acquainted."

"A superior person in every respect", wrote another.



At Georgia Dr. Page was employed in many capacities that would prepare him for deanship. He handled the setting up of the History Department's teaching schedule (regular faculty and 40 assistants), coordinated and directed preregistration and registration for the whole department. He was its representative in the Advanced Placement Program, taught in the Honors Program, originated and taught the Junior History Seminar. He also served on recruitment trips searching for graduate program prospects, and participated in high level administrative meetings. In all these duties he is reported to have shown "maturity of judgment beyond his years and an undoubted flair for academic administration."

Striking in appearance, Dr. Page is 6'3" tall. His wife has an MA in music, is a professional musician and teaches music. They have no children.

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Expedition Potter

Official potter of an archeological expedition to Israel, Joel W. Plum, assistant art professor, is spending the summer in Hesi, between Jerusalem and Beersheba. The project is under the joint sponsorship of the Hartford Seminary Foundation (Connecticut) and Oberlin College (Ohio), with John Worrell, of Hartford, directing. The group is composed of 85, and will return in September.

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Gives Art Project

Tina Harless, Tampa, Fla., has presented the indoor-outdoor modular playground equipment she created for her senior art project to the Timmy Turtle Nursery, Macon, for the use of the children.

The black, white and orange modules, 56 pieces, are all L-shaped boxes any two of which fit together to form a cube. Fifty are of quarter-inch plywood, and six are poly-foam covered with vinyl. Each module weighs three pounds and can withstand 200 pounds. Each measures 24" x 12" x 18" x 6". They may be combined to form tunnels, tables and chairs, playhouses, obstacle courses, book cases, etc. Tina also built four carts on which modules can be placed.

Cabinet maker Herbert Johnson aided in constructing Tina's design and her father, Byron Harless, vice president of Knight Newspapers and a psychologist, helped pick the colors.

Robert Nason, chairman of Wesleyan's Art Department, called the Senior Exhibit of their year-long projects "quite impressive". Exhibiting along with Tina were Linda Anderson, Macon (scale model of a men's store), Carol Williams, Macon (a trademark series), Jane Bentley, Augusta, Ga., (costume designs for the imperfect figure), Katy Bryant, Decatur, Ga. (packaging for men's cologne), and Pam Myers, West Palm Beach (embossments). See photo P. 4.

Establish Hardy Fund

A special scholarship fund has been established in memory of Lois Hardy, Class of 1911, by her sister, Mrs. Annie Lou Hardy Weber of Atlanta. While at Wesleyan Miss Hardy specialized in speech and spent a career as a platform reader. In keeping with Mrs. Weber's request in making this generous gift to the college, priority for the annual award will be given to students in the speech and theatre department.

CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Through June 30, 1971

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Expand Admissions Into Larger Areas

To expand its admissions program into larger areas of the United States is the goal of Wesleyan, according to Millard A. Beckum, Jr., new Admissions Director of the College.

"With our increased staff Wesleyan will be represented in every state of the Southeast," said Mr. Beckum. "In addition, we will concentrate our efforts upon metropolitan areas outside the Southeast.

"We are very much interested in expanding geographical distribution as we increase the number of students at Wesleyan. Alumnae and friends of the College can assist in our recruitment program by submitting names, addresses, and telephone numbers of college-bound students to the Admissions Office."

Mr. Beckum, his secretary, Mrs. Sara Lomax (sister of Miss Frances Strohecker, secretary to President Strickland), and other office personnel are enjoying the brisk activity of the Admissions Office, with prospects of a sizeable increase in the incoming freshman class.

Among freshmen already registered to enter this fall is Candye Treleven, of River Forest, Ill., who fell in love with the beauty of the campus, after having Wesleyan suggested by her high school counselor, Miss Yoder. Another Illinois girl, Nancy Wallin, of Hinsdale, also signed up following a visit to the school.

From Houston, Texas, comes Kathleen McWhorter, who attended Fall Frolic on the recommendation of her high school counselor, Alumna Caroline Mallary Ivey, '37.

In Bellevue, Neb., Richelle McClain was told about Wesleyan by her teacher, another alumna, Medra Lott Wallace, '58.

Laurie Brunson, of Roanoke, Va., came to a College Night program on the invitation of Sandi Eversole, '69, of the Admissions Office.

From Norwalk, Conn., comes Susie Black, daughter of Diana Morris, '56; and from Middletown, N. J., comes Patricia Baldau, daughter of Julia Pate Baldau, '43, and granddaughter



Students Improve Environment

Concern about pollution and the need to preserve environmental resources have inspired Wesleyan students to establish a nature trail through 14 of the 200 acres of campus terrain.

The trail passes near streams and Foster lake, through marshland and pine and hardwood plantings. A quarter mile walk, or one of a mile and a half are offered to students and visitors, with a guide sheet describing plant and animal life and other aspects of ecology. It has been described as

"excellent, both as a teaching aid and as an aesthetic pleasure."

Besides the nature trail, the Biology Club, established last fall to take the place of the inactive Crucible Club, has worked on the problem of pollution. In January they sponsored an "environmental week," collecting mounds of litter from the roads fronting the campus. Also, through their vigilance overflow tanks have been installed to stop oil spillage into a campus creek.

of the late Julia Coney Pate, '07.

Alumnae connections are legion for Ruth Knox, of Thomson, Ga. Attending Wesleyan before her were her mother, Ruth Hall Knox, '40; her sister, Mary Virginia Knox McNeill, '68; six aunts, and two cousins. Besides, her father, Robert E. Knox, is a Trustee of the College.

Among the many other Georgia girls who are choosing Wesleyan is Margaret Elaine Strickland, daughter of Wesleyan's president. Margaret is one of the freshmen entering on the Early Admissions Program who will receive diplomas from their high schools at the end of their freshman year at Wesleyan.

From far-off Hong Kong will journey Barbara Tija, who heard of Wes-

leyan through a college handbook. Her brother attends Harvard.

Is Seminar Leader

Dr. Harry Gilmer, Mrs. Joyce Schafer, and President Strickland attended the Institute of Higher Education in Nashville, Tenn., in June. Representatives of 75-80 colleges were present. Dr. Strickland served as one of the seminar leaders.

Sponsor Forum

Wesleyan alumnae, together with those of 77 other colleges, sponsored the 23rd annual University Women's Forum at New York's Waldorf-Astoria. Subject: "Women's Changing Role in the Seventies."

Revise Calendar

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A new calendar having two fourteen week semesters divided by a separate interim term, the January term of four weeks duration, has been established. This pattern is generally referred to as a 4-1-4 system, standing for the normal number of courses taken in each term.

"Semester hours will no longer be the basic currency for academic book-keeping", explained Dr. Gilmer. "Instead the course is the basic unit of measure. A total of thirty-six courses (or the equivalent) is required for graduation."

Other areas touched upon by the report include the major program, grading, Project '72, and the advisory program.

"The total thrust of the new curriculum is to provide a program which is much more in line with individual student needs and interests."

The handsome new 1971-72 catalogue reveals that Wesleyan will open and close a week earlier than usual. Faculty will meet September 7, Registration is the 11th, first classes on the 13th, and Fall Convocation October 27. Commencement is scheduled for May 21.

Plan Fall Frolic

NOW readers are invited to send names of high school juniors and seniors to the Admissions Office.

To Host Conference

Wesleyan's Alpha Omicron Chapter of Kappa Delta Epsilon, professional education sorority, will host the Southeastern Regional Conference of the sorority next November. Kappa Chapter at Mercer and Alpha Phi, Alumnae group in Macon, will assist the Wesleyan chapter. Dr. Ernestine Bledsoe is the Regional Director for the biennium. The theme of the conference will be "Dreams Can Be Through KDE", New members initiated were: Miriam McElheney, Margaret Mathews, Beth Loflin, Carolyn McClinton, Anne Teal.

Two of the new courses in early childhood education will be taught next fall for any interested student. The courses to be taught are: Teaching the Young Child and The Child and His Parents. Each is a full course (3 1/3 sem. hrs.). The third course in the series, Language Development and Reading Readiness, will be taught January term or Spring Semester. Any student interested in teaching the young child may take these courses.

Given Honorary Degree

Lawrence Willet, Atlanta graduate of Mercer University, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by his Alma Mater in June. Benefactor of Mercer's science center, he also made possible Wesleyan's Lucy Lester Willet Library, named for his late mother, alumna of 1881.

Summer Travellers

Travel is enriching the summer months for various members of the faculty and staff.

Raymond Harris is attending the Summer Institute for Organists, Stadhuis, Haarlem, Holland. Nell Oosthoek is also in The Netherlands, at Deventer.

Tours to Europe are being conducted by the Curtis Wrights, and by Miss Ann Munck with Mrs. Strickland, Miss Alice Domingos and her sister are joining the latter group, in August.

Also in Europe are Dr. Horacio Gray, Miss Sylvia Ross and Herbert Herrington. Miss Linda Lane and her mother were on the Continent in June. Alumnae Editor Freda K. Nadler is studying at the University of Florence.

President and Mrs. Strickland toured Japan in July.

Prof. and Mrs. Edward O. Lawhorn are directing a summer session at Monterrey Tec, in Mexico. George W. McKinney returns to Cherokee, N. C., to direct production of the spectacle, "Unto These Hills".

Dr. Constance Ruys is on the road to California, and during August will be doing research in the mountains on a Shell Grant.

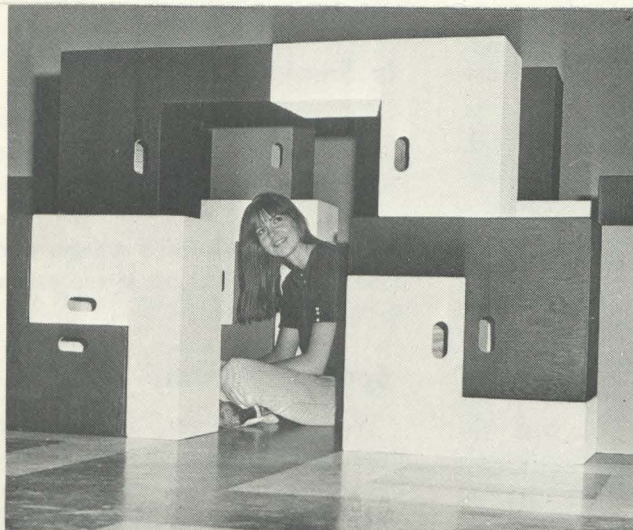
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